

**Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman**  
**Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Markup on H.R. 3548, H.R. 4080, H.R. 1281, H.R. 1528**  
**Full Committee**  
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Mr. Chairman, thank you for convening this afternoon's markup. These bipartisan public health bills address a range of issues—from screening newborns to detect and quickly treat serious conditions to strengthening our nation's trauma and emergency medical services capabilities. All of these measures were approved by the Subcommittee at the end of February and have my support.

H.R. 3548, the Improving Trauma Care Act, expands the current trauma definition for the purposes of trauma care grants to include burns and other injuries resulting from electrical, chemical, or other exposures.

H.R. 4080, the Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act, reauthorizes four grant programs that seek to improve access to trauma care services within states and in rural areas.

H.R. 1281, the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act, extends newborn screening services and related activities for conditions like sickle cell anemia. This bill, as amended by the Subcommittee, builds upon Senate legislation that reauthorizes the newborn screening program and that passed earlier this year.

H.R. 1528, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, amends the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that registered veterinarians may transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice at sites other than their registered principal place of business, including into any state in which they are licensed.

I want to recognize Energy and Commerce members Congressman Johnson, Congressman Green, and Congressman Burgess for their leadership on H.R. 3548 and H.R. 4080. I'd also like to acknowledge the sponsors of H.R. 1281 and H.R. 1528—Congresswoman Roybal-Allard and Congressman Schrader.

Mr. Chairman, there continue to be a number of additional measures of interest to Democratic and Republican members. I hope we will soon have an opportunity to advance other bipartisan public health legislation.

Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and staff for the work done on these bills. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these measures.